Relief to migrants from Punjab

3120. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the State/Union Territory Governments which are extending relief assistance in some form or the other to the migrants from Punjab who have settled within their jurisdictions; and

(b) what are the details of relief/assistance being rendered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information received some families from Punjab had migrated to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and the Union Territory of Delhi.

No relief|assistance has been asked for or provided in Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

In Haryana such migrant families have been issued with temporary ration cards for obtaining essential commodities at controlled rates and dependant children of these families are extended free educational facilities up to Degree level.

The Delhi Administration is giving a monthly allowance to the families up to a maximum of Rs. 1000|- per family per month, free one room accommodation, with facilities of electricity and water, provision of ration articles at controlled rates, free medical facilities and assistance to the migrant children in the schools. Information in this regard is awaited from Andhra Pradesh, J & K, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Submission of liberalisation proposal on textile trade to GATT by MFA signatories

3121. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the signatories to the Multi Fibre Arrangement (MFA) have submitted proposals to GATT for liberalisation of trade in textiles;

(b) if so, what proposals have been submitted by the Government of India to GATT in this regard; and

(c) what has been the reaction of GATT thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Members of International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, including India, have jointly submitted proposals in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations for the phasing out of restrictions under MFA. The proposals contain following mutually reinforcing elements.

(i) reversal of restrictive measures under the multi Fibre Arrangement (MFA);

(ii) elimination of concepts and practices under the MFA incompatible with the General Agreement;

(iii) effective application of the GATT principles relating to developing countries to trade in textiles;

(iv) termination of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles and the bilateral agreements based thereon.

These proposals are under discussion. The major developed countries are linking the question of removal|reduction of MFA restrictions with progress in various

areas of Uruguay Round negotiations and liberalisation efforts by all participants including developing countries.

Cleaning of Narmada water in Madhya Pradesh

3122. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial and human wastes have polluted Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh to a maximum extent as compared to other small places thereby making the Narmada water unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any step to check the pollution of Narmada water;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to formulate "Narmada Action Plan" in order to clean Narmada river water on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad is polluted mainly due to discharge of municipal sewage which is not that high from other small places. However, it cannot be said that the water is unfit for human consumption.

(c) to (e) An Action Plan for prevention of pollution and cleaning of the Narmada is under implementation by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. Out of the fifty-three schemes, 19 have been completed, 30 are in progress and 4 are under preparation. A sum of Rs. 178.50 lakhs has been spent till the end of May, 1989 on the following major areas of schemes:—

(i) Diversion and utilisation of municipal wastes,

(ii) Construction of crematoria,

(iii) Construction of low cost sanitation works.

(iv) River front development to prevent soil erosion,

(v) Construction and development of Ghats.

In addition, the Madhya Pradesh Pradushan Niwaran Mandal has directed the concerned industries for taking suitable measures in controlling industrial pollution.

Smuggling of synthetic yarn photographic equipment and films etc., into India from Nepal

3123. SHRI MULIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had protested to Nepal on or about 17th May, 1989 about huge import of certain items like, synthetic yarn, photographic equipments and films, cloues, cardamom and liquor from third world countries, which were smuggled into India; and

(b) if so, what was the response and reaction of Nepal Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the price of essential commodities

@3123-A. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted increase in the pri-

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